वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्) (क) से (ग) सम्बन्धित विभागों से जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभापटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Loss incurred in Diamond Transaction

2653. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the transactions in diamond processing industry are verbal;

(b) if so, whether Government have estimated its loss of revenue as a result thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to lighten its vigil on the transactions of the industry so as to plug the leakage of Government resource?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Surplus staff in Government Offices

2654. SHRI SATCHIDANANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government found a large number of officers and staff surplus to its requirments;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether certain posts are manned by deputationists in those Departments where officers and staff are being declared surplus; particularly CCI&E where 40 per cent posts are manned by deputationists;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to repatriate deputations to their parent cadres in the first instance; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) to (c) In pursuance of the objectives and functions assigned to Staff Inspection unit (SIU) under the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961, it reviews the man-power requirments of Government Departments (excluding the Railways which have their own arrangements) through cyclical programme of inspections drawn up well in advance under its Annual Action Plan. In addition, SIU also carries out ad-hoc studies of organisations referred to it by this Ministry of Finance involving proposals for creation of a large number of posts.

The result of studies conducted by SIU for the last 3 years is indicated in the enclosed statement (*See* below). The SIU studies are aimed at assessment of workload as such and ne distinction is made between deputationists and non-deputationists.

Though the Office of CCI&E has not been studied for the last three years, it has been ascertained from that office that 40% posts are manned by deputationists in Grade I of the Central Trade Service. It is in accordance with the Central Trade Service (Group 'A') Rules, 1977 as amended from time to time.

(d) and (e) Centrally no decision has been taken to repatriate deputationists from various Ministries/Departments. The modalities for effecting the reduction of staff will be worked out by the concerned Departments.